

# Daily Eagle

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## BEWILDERING FARM FIGURES.

In field products the United States leads the world of nations without any reference to their greater areas or claims of higher cultivation. The American farmer produces more per farm hand per capita than does the farmer of any other country, the question of acreage aside. In its latest bulletin the Department of Agriculture gives the total value of farm products—including cotton—at \$4,500,000,000 for 1903, while the total exported farm products, not including cotton, were \$878,479,451, the highest in eleven years, save 1901, when they footed up to \$651,628,331. That the world is a customer of the United States and can not be supplied as well elsewhere, if anywhere, is shown by the fact that Europe took 71 per cent of the cotton crop of 1903, about 150,000,000 bushels of corn, tobacco to the value of \$35,000,000, \$35,000,000 pounds of beef, 551,000,000 pounds of lard and 335,000,000 pounds of pork, with butter and cheese and other products of the dairy in enormous quantities.

## NO END OF WORDS.

Language is principally used for the conveying of thoughts to others, or for the hiding of the meaning of the one to the others. The English language is constituted of words. The French language consists largely of shudders, shrugs and grimaces, while the Indians fall back on signs and grunts. Russians simply sneeze, the Germans resort to a guttural growl and the Asiatics whimper and whine. But all this is neither here nor there when it comes to the multitude of words comprising the English language. No one can say how many there are, not counting the ones of doubtful standing. The Springfield Republican notes that the Century dictionary contains about 225,000 words, and the new edition of the Standard dictionary lays claim to over 300,000. Of these many are obsolete, and many others are rarely used. Science has added a vast vocabulary of polysyllables that are scientific formulae rather than real words. They have no place in general literature. The ordinary English vocabulary may be said to contain 30,000 to 50,000 words, the latter estimate being large. No single writer of literature has used so many as the lower number named.

The common estimate of the average vocabulary of educated people is from 5,000 to 6,000, but in this case the number of words which are not used is enormously increased. A well-read college graduate should be familiar with perhaps 100,000 words, while in the course of a year he might not use 5,000 of them in his writing or conversation. Shorthand reporters find about 2,500 word signs and contractions ample for representing the words which are commonly used in public speaking.

## ONE BUSINESS BAROMETER FALLING.

The gross earnings of twenty-five railroads for the second week in May, according to the United States investor, were \$5,791,898, against \$5,991,178 for the second week in May, 1903, a decrease of \$199,280. Eleven roads show increases and fourteen decreases. Since July 1, the roads referred to above earned \$289,431,320, an increase of \$13,880,094 over the \$275,551,216 reported for the corresponding period of last year. For the longer period eighteen roads show increases and seven decreases.

## WATTERSON BOTTLED UP.

Henri Watterson is receiving broadsides from heavy ordnance and light artillery at every turn; a perfect fusillade of editorial shot and shell in the way of ready replies to his St. Louis explosion, Watterson got into waters full of floating mines and of torpedo boats. The Topeka Herald, in reproducing The Eagle's criticism of the versatile Kentuckian, the brilliant exorcist of the "Star-eyed Goddess," endorses our views after this manner:

"When Colonel Murdock read Henry Watterson's address at St. Louis last week his temperature went up to 160, his pulse beat 200, the wind blew through his whiskers at the rate of ninety miles an hour, and there were other signs of excitement plainly apparent in his conduct. But he finally settled down to business and handed the Kentuckian a solid shot which will keep him for some time to come. Watterson's talk about the decadence of the editorial page of the daily newspaper was nonsense pure and simple. When he finishes reading Colonel Murdock's editorial he will probably be willing to admit that the editorial page cuts more ice than he thought it did. Here is The Eagle's very strong editorial. It states the case very clearly and forcibly and carries with it the conviction that the reputation of the Courier-Journal, due to Watterson's own editorial work is the strongest proof of the value and influence of an editorial page in the estimation of the reading public."

## OLD MAIDS, YOUNG GIRLS AND CATS.

As a rule only young girls and old maids are found lavishing their love on cats. Young girls gush over kittens, and old maids direct a steady stream of deep-down affection ever in the direction of the purring tabby, whether located in the corner, on the chair or beside the fire place. The age of the cat or maid never mars or disobeys the chord of confidence which binds their lives so inseparably.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, when a child, was very fond of cats. The household protested against the frequency with which she brought friendless and alling felines into the home for shelter and protection. The family of Mrs. Burnett were not in prosperous circumstances, having emigrated from England in the hope of bettering their fortunes. At a crisis in their affairs the little girl came in one day, followed, as usual, by a forlorn-looking kitten. She was all excitement, and the family, on the qui vive to hear the good news which she announced she had for them, waited impatiently for her to communicate it. "Good luck has come at last," cried Frances; "a black cat has followed me home this time."

## GROVER, WILLIAM OR THEODORE.

Here is a true story about a governor, says "The Tip of the Tongue" man in the New York Press. Some fifty important men appeared before him to urge the veto of a certain measure, and, after long pleadings, it looked as if they would win the day. It was apparent that he was weakening. The pressure was terrific. Away over in a corner of the room stood three so-called statesmen, whose interest had so far flagged that they were telling anecdotes, and paying not the slightest attention to the proceedings. The buzz and hum which had drowned their talk suddenly ceased for a moment, and the voice of one was heard to say, "political suicide." The phrase was in his anecdote, mind you, but it rang in the governor's

ear. His excellency said he would think over the bill and decide what to do. "Political suicide," "political suicide," he repeated mentally all through the night, and early in the morning got up and signed the bill. That governor afterward became president of the United States. You can't guess who he was. A veto would have killed him.

## PRESIDENT FRANCIS' STRONG POINTS.

Alfred Henry Lewis, in his estimate of Hon. David R. Francis as an all-around superiorly equipped man of affairs and as an art devotee declares that one has no right to say that when the Hon. David R. Francis declares for art, literature and music, and claims a love for them, that the declaration and the claim are affectations. And yet so distinctly is he a man of action that it is as though a twelve-inch gun took one into its confidence and told one that it too loved art, literature and music. Still one must not fight a record with a guess. Mr. Francis stands of his own choice for all that is elevated, refined and double-distilled in the higher social, literary, musical and artistic life of his town. By the word of those about him—and they are capable of judgment—he is the Admiral Crichton of the Middle West, and they speak of him now for the Democratic presidential nomination.

## A POSER FOR ROOSEVELT.

An English vicar, in the London Mail, holds that race suicide, against which Roosevelt protests, and that racial degeneration are inevitable because of economic conditions and of social demands. This vicar asserts that a married man without children is in all points better off than his celibate brother, but a married man with a large family, unless he enjoys a lucrative income, undergoes never-ending troubles. He is disliked as a lodger; finds difficulties if an occupier in renting a house; if a clerk he trembles at the menaces of his employer; if a curate he has the delicious prospect of the workhouse as his bourne. He is pursued by the grim wolves of sordid poverty; he has to surrender all the social pleasures and amenities of life.

In these circumstances in a thoroughly unbelieveing and materialistic age, whose idol is social ease and money, he is afraid degeneration can only go from bad to worse.

## THE FUNNY CLUB WOMAN.

Atchison Globe: "The club woman may not know it, but she is very funny. The women who are meeting in St. Louis, and adopting rules for governing women's clubs, go about their work very seriously, but they do not realize how funny they are. A woman is always adorable when acting as a woman should, but when she engages in something she knows nothing about and which offers no field of usefulness, or beauty, or sense she is funny. The General Federation of Women's clubs meeting in St. Louis concluded their ridiculous proceedings yesterday by adopting anti-divorce resolutions. Still, trailing across the country and leaving home and husband behind, is just the thing that puts notions of divorce into a man's head."

## WHO OWNS THE RAILWAYS?

It is estimated that only about eighty-five million dollars, which is approximately 5 per cent of the annual income of our railways, goes to foreign investors. There are not far from 1,000,000 owners of railway stocks and bonds. Of the remaining 95 per cent, \$1,684,447,408, 40 per cent is divided among the owners of the stocks and bonds, and 60 per cent among 1,189,315 employees. Counting the families supported by the holders of securities and employees, over 10,000,000 people share in the railroad earnings.

The druggists of Kansas have been holding a state convention in Leavenworth this week. Topeka is the place, par excellence, for the meeting of drug store men. What Topeka drug store proprietors don't know about the most profitable line of liquids to carry in stock are hardly worth prescribing.

Datto Ali, the Moro, who permitted his Mindanaos to waylay and murder two American lieutenants and fifteen soldiers should be summarily squelched. These semi-savages must be taught that they are not dealing with Spain but with a government which makes civilized and enlightened men of them.

Mr. Schwab, the bulky-eyed promoter, who a year ago was chartering trains and hugging the bank of Monte Carlo has been gently swabbed out of the columns of the newspaper and unconditionally wiped from the public eye.

The United States census bureau has begun the work of gathering statistics of special classes of population, including penitentiaries, almshouses, insane asylums, etc. Director North has appointed about 7,000 special agents for this purpose.

If the Democrats nominate Judge Parker, a contribution of \$5,000,000 is promised by August Belmont to the party fund. Colonel Bryan will surely see the hand of the trusts in this offer.

The admirer of the dumb sage of Esopus claims that Parker will be nominated on the first ballot. One thing is certain, if he is nominated he will have nothing to unsay or explain.

The original warrant for the apprehension of John Bunyan, which led to his being clapped in Bedford jail, where he wrote his Pilgrim's Progress, has been auctioned off at \$1,525.

The late French shareholders in the Panama canal have gone back to champagne as the regular drink in toasting the financial and business integrity of Uncle Sam.

Mr. Bryan announces that he will go to the St. Louis convention as an obscure and private citizen. Has his "obscure" allusion any reference to the color of the horse which he thinks will win, we wonder.

The Postoffice Department has made a special ruling forbidding the use of private mailing cards after July 1 next. The department has authorized postmasters to accept the cards up to that date at the usual rates.

Kuropatkin still continues to do considerable shooting, but it is principally with his mouth, which seems loaded with "I regret to report."

James J. Hill, the many-millioned railway man, has given \$1,000,000 for a Catholic cathedral at St. Paul, Minn., and Mr. Hill a Protestant.

Our exports for the nine months of the fiscal year ending in March amounted to \$1,167,760,069, the largest value ever recorded in a similar period.

So far in Kansas this spring has proved unfavorable for listed corn. Too much standing water in the rows and too many weeds between them.

A New York artist has, after much research, concluded that Mrs. Noah's costume during her voyage in the ark consisted of a mackintosh and gum shoes.

For a sound man Parker does precious little sounding, while for an unsound man Bryan sounds continuously.

## KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1839, FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY—Horace Greeley was on Pipe Creek. In an overland letter written on the plains, Mr. Greeley said: "I believe I have now descended the ladder of artificial life nearly to its lowest round. If the Cheyennes—tribe of whom I stopped the last express down on the route we must travel, and tried to beg or steal from it—should see it to capture and strip us, we should of course have no further experience in the same line; but for the present, the progress I have made during the last fortnight towards the primitive simplicity of human existence may be roughly noted thus:

"May 12—Chicago.—Chocolate and morning newspapers last seen on the breakfast table.

"May 23—Leavenworth.—Room-bells and baths make their last appearance.

"May 24—Topeka.—Beefsteak and wash-bowls (other than tin) last visible. Barber ditto.

"May 25—Manhattan.—Potatoes and eggs last recognized among the blessings that brighten as they take their flight."

"May 27—Junction City.—Last visitation of a boot-black, with dissolving views of a broad bed-room. Chairs bid us good-bye.

"May 28—Pipe Creek.—Benches for seats at meals have disappeared, giving place to bags and boxes. We (two passengers of a scribbling train) write our letters in the express wagon that has borne us by day, and must supply us lodgings for the night."

IN 1874, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY—Chas. Saunders, colored, died from a bullet wound inflicted by a Texan named Ramsey, on North Main street, at Wichita. Ramsey was surrounded by a posse of friends and safely conducted out of town.

IN 1889, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY—The state Democratic convention met at Topeka. The delegates chosen were for Tilden and Hendricks for president and vice-president.

IN 1894, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY—Three companies of military were ordered from Fort Leavenworth to McAlester, I. T., to suppress strike troubles at the mines.

## THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"Fortune makes folly her peculiar care."—Churchill.

"If the divorce law becomes tabooed," sarcastically declares a Wichita woman, "there will be more money left to be won on that nice little girl, and not so much wasted in alimony."

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"Todd's sick a-bod, threatened with nervous prostration."

"Why, what's the matter?"

"Well, you see, he predicted it would rain Thursday, and it did. Now he's worried to death, for he doesn't know what to expect next."

"Rumors from the Orient are hot enough to re-awaken interest in the alleged war in those parts."

"A father of much experience says: 'Wash a baby clean and dress him up in real pretty, and he will resist all advances with the most superlative cross-bred but let him see molasses gingerbread and fool around the coal hod for half an hour, and he will nestle his dear little dirty face close up to your clean shirt bosom and be just as loving, cunningest little rascal in the world.'"

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Said the classical editor, yesterday: "That sex curiosity described in Friday's Piker column wasn't a bit worse deformed than the doggerel which followed it. Fortunately such monstrosities won't hatch."

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The discussion going on about union of churches and the race question leads one to wonder what will happen in the great future for immortals. Will there be Jim Crow laws and quarrelsome pulpits in eternity?"

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A dog will bite a man, a cat will scratch a man, and an insect will sting a man, yet the human race deems itself superior to the dumb animals."

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"My mamma told me not to ask you for any candy, and I'm not going to," said the little girl who had been sent to the corner grocery store to make some purchases, as she looked wistfully at the glass jars of sweet foods sitting on a shelf.

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"Can you change a five-dollar bill for me?" asked a young woman in a North Main street store one day this week.

"I am sorry, but I cannot," answered the clerk.

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## KANSAS CURRENTS

And now the weather man has the farmers knocking on him.

Joseph Kottman, an early settler of Leavenworth county, died at the city Wednesday. He was born in Prussia.

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Miss Hanna Wetzig was nominated for county superintendent by the Riley county Republicans. It is pleaded that this is Riley county Republicans' first offense.

The women of El Dorado cannot take their husbands in hand too soon. Only Wednesday a soda fountain opening was given in that town.

Eight ended their work in commencement at the Halstead high school exercises last week.

The Reno County Fair association will offer a prize of two dollars a bushel for the best test-bushel of corn and one dollar for the second best, brought in.

In citing the great number of people at the Hutchinson carnival, the News says the street cars were crowded. Did you ever see a Hutchinson street car?

The Sedgwick Pantagraph calls him "Col. Will Morgan." The editor explains in another paragraph that going to the World's Fair makes a fellow on his return feel fuzzy.

One hundred and two children of the St. Mary's parish at Newton were administered the Holy Communion Thursday. Bishop Hennessy, of Wichita, confirmed them.

The Conway Springs Star wants the town flag hung at half mast when the Jews suffer as they did the first of the week.

Six veterans have died in Kingman since last Decoration day. It is the highest mortality since the cemetery was opened.

The convention of the Arkansas valley branch of the Young People's Christian Union of the United Brethren church will be in session next week at Hutchinson. The name of the doings is pretty long, but all editors, just the same, should be thankful. Think if it were in Russian.

Kingman hopes to have a new flour mill to replace that one destroyed by fire in time to keep some of the wheat harvested this fall at home.

An insurance agent at Conway Springs offers to donate \$500 toward the building of a much needed new school house if the citizens of that town and vicinity will take and pay the first yearly premium on life insurance in his company, policies to aggregate \$100,000 within four months from date.

Conway Springs now has a diamond fence in and enhanced with a grand stand.

"Hawkins' Running Wolf" is a headline in a McPherson paper. Unfortunately, however, McPherson hasn't even struck a sand, this being only a notice of a candidate's campaign.

Winfield was after the next meeting of the Democrats' national convention but failed to get it. It has been promised first consideration whenever the West is favored.

The Kansas crop of graduates this year is large, but there will be room in the wheat fields for all Yale and Harvard students who apply early.

NOTICE: This Store Closed All Day Monday, Decoration Day

Geo. Innes & Co.

## The Fourth and Last Day of This Annual Sale of Summer Underwear

Do not let today slip by. Supply your entire summer wants. Every price in today's fifteen offerings will accord you a readily recognized saving. Six renewed specials from our wonderfully large reserve. 43c